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## Do's & Don'ts On Petroglyph Tours

These guidelines have been provided in an effort to protect your safety, maintain compliance with security requirements and to protect the cultural resources found in Little Petroglyph Canyon, which is a National Historic Landmark. Please do your part in protecting this part of our heritage.

## DO's

- 1. Enjoy your visit to Little Petroglyph Canyon.
- 2. Follow the directions provided by your tour guide at all times.
- 3. Wear shoes in good condition with soles that grip well. Open toe shoes are now allowed. Wear a hat and sunglasses. Use sunblock. Take adequate water and avoid dehydration.
- 4. Be realistic about your physical ability and avoid exceeding your capability. The canyon is rough terrain.
- 5. Stay with the caravan on the way to and from the canyon. NO detours or unplanned stops are allowed.
  - 6. Obey all traffic laws.
- 7. Stay on the designated route and remain on established roadways at all times.
- 8. Keep your cameras and binoculars locked up until you reach your designated destination.
- 9. This is a 90-mile round trip. Make sure you have enough fuel.
- 10. Because of the tough roads, if your car has very little clearance, or if your car tends to overheat, we suggest carpooling with someone.
- 11. If a car breaks down, pull clear of the roadway and leave it there with a note stating why the car is there, the owner's name and address and that you are on a petroglyph tour. You will be put in another vehicle and the tour will continue. The lead escort will notify the China Lake Police Department by radio and CLPD will arrange to have the car towed back to Ridgecrest (at the owner's expense). If a minor repair is all that is needed (flat tire, for example), the tour group will stop while the driver makes repairs.
- 12. When arriving at the site, park off the road in the parking lot.

- 13. Stay with a command-approved escort at all times during your visit. To ensure the protection of the petroglyphs, fragmented groups without escorts are NOT allowed.
- 14. STAY IN THE CANYON OR PICNIC AREA. There is only one entrance/exit to the canyon. Stay off the rocks along the edges of the canyon.
- 15. Watch where you put your hands and feet. Snakes, scorpions and spiders are commonly observed in this area.

## DON'Ts

- 1. Don't use your binoculars or cameras until reaching your designated destination.
- 2. Don't detour from the caravan on the way to or from Little Petroglyph Canyon.
- 3. The use of CB's and ham radios or any other transmitter are prohibited unless you have prior permission. Cellular phones may be used only when necessary.
- 4. Pets, alcohol and firearms are prohibited even if you have a permit to carry a concealed weapon.
  - 5. Don't bring any glass containers into the canyon.
- 6. Don't wander from your tour guide during your visit to Little Petroglyph Canyon.
- 7. Don't leave the canyon and go up on the rim for any reason. Walking on any of the ledges is prohibited for safety reasons as well as protection of the petroglyphs.
- 8. Don't climb on, write on or trace the petroglyphs. Rubbings are not allowed. Use your camera to record what you see. Don't climb on rocks to get that "perfect" picture.
  - 9. Don't pick up anything in the area except litter.
- 10. If you happen to see ordnance (pieces of weapons, missiles, strange bits of wire or bits of metal), don't touch it. Note its location and inform the tour guide.
  - 11. Don't disturb any of the wildlife or plant life.
  - 12. Do not smoke in the canyon.
- 13. Don't disturb any brass plates or survey markers.